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San Antonio WWII veteran recognized by Army North CG

By Sgt. 1st Class Christopher DeHart
ARNORTH Public Affairs

The Soldiers who fought in World War II were part of an incredible legacy that spoke of heroes and the great deeds they had performed in the service of a grateful nation.

There are fewer and fewer of these heroes left, but one such man was recently invited to Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston to be recognized for his achievements and service with a Lifetime Achievement

Award: Darrell G. Harris.

Harris, 90, met with Lt. Gen. William Caldwell IV, commanding general of U.S. Army North and senior commander of Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston and JBSA-Camp Bullis, who presented the award on behalf of the 82nd Airborne Division Association.

Also in attendance were many of his staff members, along with a host of other veterans representing organizations such as the 82nd Airborne Division Association, Special Forces Association,

Combat Infantryman's Badge Association, American Division Veteran's Association and a representative from the 82nd Airborne Division's 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment.

"The 82nd really jumped on this opportunity to recognize D.G.," Caldwell said of the support given by both the unit and its associated organizations.

"The fact that you're still standing today after those jumps you've made and

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Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Christopher DeHart

Lt. Gen. William Caldwell IV (right) presents a Lifetime Achievement Award to Darrell G. Harris on behalf of the 82nd Airborne Division Association for his actions and service during WWII at the U.S. Army North Headquarters in the Quadrangle July 13. Harris was a paratrooper with 3rd Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, from World War II. Caldwell is the commanding general of U.S. Army North and senior commander of Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston and JBSA-Camp Bullis.

Col. Mark A. Lee (center) accepts the U.S. Army Environmental Command colors from Joe C. Capps, executive director to the commanding general, U.S. Army Installation Management Command, during a change of command ceremony July 11.

Col. Scott D. Kimmell was the outgoing commander and will take a new assignment in the Pentagon as the deputy director, Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear Defense, Joint Requirements Office.

Photo by Barry R. Napp



U.S. Army Environmental Command welcomes new commander

By Barry R. Napp
USAEC Public Affairs

Col. Scott D. Kimmell relinquished command of the U.S. Army Environmental Command to Col. Mark A. Lee in a change of command ceremony at the Fort Sam Houston Theater July 11

During the ceremony, Kimmell ended his time by passing the command's guidon to Joe C. Capps, executive director to the commanding general, U.S.

Army Installation Management Command, who then transferred the guidon as well as responsibility of USAEC to the new commander.

Lee's previous assignment was as the G-5, chief of Plans and Exercises, III Corps and Fort Hood. Prior to that assignment, he graduated from the National War College.

The USAEC mission is to lead and support environmental programs that enable Soldiers to maxi-

mize training to enhance readiness, and establish and maintain viable environmental management systems and stewardship into the future.

"This is a great day for USAEC and Army traditions," Capp said, praising Kimmell's leadership during a transitional period for the command.

"Kimmell knew when he took command two years ago that this was

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Secretary of the Air Force emphasizes nondiscrimination policy

By Michael B. Donley
Secretary of the Air Force

I am totally committed to ensuring that all Airmen, military and civilian, are treated fairly, with dignity and respect. Commanders, managers and supervisors at all organizational levels are directly responsible for creating an environment of equal opportunity.

Unlawful discrimination and unlawful harassment diminish unit cohesion and morale, and ultimately undermine mission readiness.

Our Air Force must recruit and retain the best talent. An environment that tolerates unlawful discrimination or unlawful harassment is not conducive to retaining this talent.

Accordingly, Airmen



will not unlawfully discriminate against, harass, intimidate or threaten another Airman on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, genetic information or prior equal opportunity activity.

Unlawful harassment includes creating an intimidating, hostile work environment for another on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, or prior EO activity.

Unlawful harassment also includes unwelcome sexual advances, requests

for sexual favors, other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when submission to such conduct is made directly or indirectly a term or condition of employment, or basing an employment decision on the submission to or rejection of such conduct.

Additionally, retaliation against any Airman complaining of unlawful discrimination or unlawful harassment is in violation of Air Force policy and will not be tolerated.

It is the duty of each commander, manager and supervisor to: (1)

maintain a workplace free of unlawful discrimination and unlawful harassment; (2) ensure that all Airmen under their supervision are aware of this policy and know that they should report violations, without fear of reprisal or retaliation; (3) ensure that complaints are properly investigated; (4) and take appropriate corrective action when a violation is found, including disciplinary action, if warranted.

Moreover, it is critically important for commanders, managers and supervisors to conduct, continually assess and be aware of their equal opportunity and command climate.

Further, commanders are required to provide the local EO office with information on any EO issues that arise within their units.

This notification is important because when our EO professionals are alerted to issues, they can provide insight and

expertise to the commander and the unit.

I encourage commanders, managers and supervisors to develop localized supplemental policy guidance to reinforce their support of the Air Force equal opportunity policy and program (consistent with AFD 36-27, Equal Opportunity and AFI 36-2706, Equal Opportunity Program, Military and Civilian).

Civilian employees who believe that they have been subjected to unlawful discrimination or unlawful harassment based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, genetic information or prior EO activity must report it promptly to their supervisor or their local EO office.

Military personnel who believe they have been subjected to unlawful discrimination or unlawful harassment based on race, color, religion, sex,

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Common Access Card Replacement Notification

The Defense Manpower and Data Center recently began sending notices to military and civilian personnel to replace 64K and 72K Common Access Cards currently in their possession. The DMDC is contacting affected personnel via email with instructions to replace their CAC regardless of the card's expiration date. People who receive an email directing them to replace their CAC, or should they receive one in the future and they have not renewed their card within the last 60 days, need to follow the guidance in the email and schedule an appointment as soon as possible by logging onto <https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil>. Appointments are available at all ID card facilities throughout Joint Base San Antonio.

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AMEDD 237th Anniversary Regimental Social

The Sgt. Audie Murphy Club is hosting the Army Medical Department Center and School Regimental Social celebrating the 237th Anniversary of the AMEDD Regiment at 4:30 p.m. July 27 at the AMEDD Museum. There is a \$5 charge at the door for refreshments.

Lincoln Military Housing Back to School Bash

Lincoln Military Housing hosts a quarterly town hall and back to school bash for LMH residents at 6 p.m. Aug. 2 at the main resident center, Building 407.

Army Benefits Center Civilian Notice

Beginning July 20, and Fridays through Sept. 21, the Army Benefits Center Civilian counselors will not be available by phone between noon and 6 p.m. The ABC-C website will be available at <https://www.abc.army.mil> to make transactions thru the Employee Benefits Information System. In addition, the automated phone line will be available for employees to make transactions that do not require counselor assistance.

FSH Thrift Shop Opens for Donations

The Spouses' Club of the Fort Sam Houston Area is opening a thrift shop on Fort Sam Houston and will be open to receive donations on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Applications for volunteers will also be taken at this time. The projected opening date is Aug. 15. The shop is located at 3100 Zinn, Building 1154, near the Outdoor Recreation Center. For more information, call 221-5794.

5th Recruiting Brigade Change of Command

The U.S. Army 5th Recruiting Brigade will hold a change of command ceremony at 9 a.m. July 20 at the Fort Sam Houston Quadrangle. Col. Christopher Himsl will relinquish command to Col. L. Wayne Magee Jr. Maj. Gen. David Mann, commander of the U.S. Army Recruiting Command, will officiate.

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METC deputy commandant takes command of Navy Medicine Education and Training Command

By Larry Coffey
NMETC Public Affairs

Navy Capt. Gail L. Hathaway, the deputy commandant of the Medical Education and Training Campus, based at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, assumed command of the newly reorganized Navy Medicine Education and Training Command from Rear Adm. Eleanor Valentin July 11 in Jacksonville, Fla.

Rear Adm. Michael H. Mittelman, deputy surgeon general of the Navy and deputy chief of U.S. Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, served as the presiding

officer.

Hathaway will command from the new NMETC headquarters located at Building 1001 on JBASA-FSH. Valentin will become Director for Implementation, Defense Health Agency, reporting to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs.

The Navy Medicine Support Command, commissioned Nov. 1, 2005, was renamed NMETC during the ceremony, with the former NMSC's responsibilities re-scoping, focusing primarily on Navy Medicine's education and training mission.

The realignment of

NMSC stems from the Navy surgeon general's vision of streamlining Navy Medicine into a more effective, efficient and responsive organization that improves accountability, and command and control.

A vanguard unit of 12 military and civilian personnel will man NMETC's new headquarters location with approximately 65 personnel remaining at the Jacksonville, Fla., and Bethesda, Md., locations as planning continues on specifics for NMETC's future consolidation.

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Photo by Larry Coffey

Navy Capt. Gail L. Hathaway salutes during colors at the Navy Medicine Education and Training Command change of command ceremony at the Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Fla., ceremonial hangar July 11. Hathaway, reporting from her previous assignment as the Medical Education and Training Campus deputy commandant at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, assumed command during the hour-long ceremony.

USAMITC's ERS supports MEDCOM worldwide

By Kenneth Blair Hogue
USAMITC Public Affairs

The U.S. Army Medical Information Technology Center created the Enterprise Reporting Service to provide near real-time metrics for information management and information technology enterprise operational readiness displayed in various dashboards, charts and reports around the world.

The ERS gives medical treatment facilities a snapshot of how their environment looks while also showing views of metrics from a regional and enterprise perspective for IM/IT leaders and staff.

"The statistics on the ERS can give any information management division staff pertinent information



Photo by Kenneth Blair Hogue
Ryan Birdsell (standing), USAMITC's Core Technology Business Intelligence and Integration Team lead, reviews a new dashboard report with his ERS team.

they can take action on," said Ryan Birdsell, USAMITC's Core Technology Business Intelligence and Integration Team lead.

"We're moving toward a self-service business intelligence platform, where our data users will be able to create their own reports and

dashboards."

The ERS is managed out of the business analytics and performance management cell within the center's Core Tech-

nology Division, Plans & Technology Branch.

The program supports Army Medical Command worldwide, including every Army military treatment facility and everyone within the MEDCOM chain of command from the chief information officer on down.

"In the beginning, the data was just numbers and overall quantities. Now we have laid the foundation to move toward a performance management style platform which measures strategy, compliance, and more," Birdsell said. "We've defined the different types of reports to show them and assist senior leadership in making business decisions."

"We found that we

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106th Signal Brigade Change of Command, AOR

Col Christopher S. Haigh will relinquish command of the 106th Signal Brigade to Col. Jay K. Chapman in a ceremony at 9 a.m. July 20 at the Big Area Tent, located at 3001 Marvin Woods St. There will also be an assumption of responsibility ceremony for Command Sgt. Maj. Kevin Schehl. For more information, call 295-5940.

5th Bde, Army Cadet Command Change of Command

Col. Bridget M. Rourke will relinquish command of the 5th Brigade, U.S. Army Cadet Command to Col. James E. Dodson at 11 a.m. July 20 at the AMEDD Museum, Building 1046, at the corner of Stanley Road and Harry Wurzbach. Ceremony will be conducted outside, reception to follow inside the museum.

Army Chaplains Corp 237th Anniversary

The 502d Mission Support Group Installation Chaplain's Office celebrates the 237th anniversary of the U.S. Army Chaplain Corps at 11 a.m. July 27 at the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center, 2521 Schofield Rd.

Saturday Vet Vaccine Clinic

The Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Veterinary Clinic holds a Saturday vaccine clinic from 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 11 at Building 2635. Call 808-6105 for information.

New training support center to open

The Army Support Activity, Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, will open a new training support center in October on Garden Road. The new TSC will replace the old facility located in the warehouse section in Building 4196. The new facility will house a variety of training aids to include, graphic training aids and simulators for training. An additional update to the new facility will be modern classroom space for conducting hands-on training, as well as classroom-type instruction. For more information, call 221-1927.

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DOD officials define crime of sexual assault

By Dianne Moffett
AETC Public Affairs

Sexual assault is a crime that degrades values, disrupts readiness, undermines goodwill and forever changes the lives of victims and their families.

The Department of Defense defines sexual assault as intentional sexual contact characterized by the use of force, physical threat or abuse of authority, or when the victim does not or cannot consent.

Under the definition, sexual assault includes rape, nonconsensual sodomy (oral or anal sex) or indecent assault (unwanted, inappropriate sexual contact or fondling).

Air Force leaders stress every Airman has the moral obligation and professional duty to intervene appropriately to prevent and eliminate sexual assault from the

Air Force.

"If you have experienced an assault or know someone who needs help, the base Sexual Assault Response Coordinator or victim advocate is there to assist and offer support," said Christine Burnett, Air Education and Training Command SARC.

SARCs are considered the main experts to ensuring victims of sexual assault receive appropriate and responsive care.

"They serve as the single point of contact to coordinate sexual assault victim care," Burnett said. "If a victim advocate is requested, the advocate assists the member in making informed decisions as they progress through resolution and healing."

Under the Department of Defense's confidentiality policy, military members and dependents who have access to military treatment fa-

cilities have two reporting options – restricted reporting and unrestricted reporting, Burnett said. Military retirees and civilian victims may only use unrestricted reporting.

"With restricted reporting, the incident is not reported to the commander or investigators," Burnett said. "This allows the victim to focus on getting medical, spiritual and psychological attention without initiating an investigation."

There are some exceptions and limitations to restricted reporting. For example, when a victim reports the crime to someone in their chain of command, a restricted report is no longer an option.

Many resources are available to victims of sexual assault and provide live, confidential support. The base SARC can assist service members and civilians in

need of support through a host of Air Force programs available to them.

Some of the programs include health care, mental health care, legal, counseling, chaplain services and the victim witness assistance program.

For the DOD community, safehelpline.com provides service members and civilians 24/7 assistance. The telephone help line is available at 877-995-5247.

"The first step for any victim of sexual assault is to find safety," Burnett said. "Go to a safe location, away from the perpetrator and seek medical attention as



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soon as possible."

For a listing of SARCs by base, the Air Force Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program website lists a directory at <http://www.afpc.af.mil/library/sapr/sarccontacts.asp>.

JBSA-Lackland BMT trainer Walker's court-martial begins

The general court-martial for Air Force Staff Sgt. Luis Walker, 737th Training Group, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, began July 16.

Walker, a basic military training instructor at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, faces 28 charges, including rape, adultery, obstruction, aggravated sexual contact, multiple counts of aggravated sexual assault and violating a lawful order regarding unprofessional relationships with trainees.

The charges stem from alleged incidents that took place between October 2010 and June 2011.

When the initial allegation was made, his commander immediately relieved him of duty and began an investigation. Walker is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

"The Air Force will not tolerate criminal behavior and unprofessional relationships between instructors and trainees or students, which are specifically prohibited by Air Force Air Education and Training Command instructions," said AETC commander Gen. Edward A. Rice Jr. in a recent address.

"The vast majority of MTIs are great

Americans who live up to the high standards we demand of those who are entrusted with the critically important and sensitive mission of turning ordinary citizens into Airmen," Rice added.

A comprehensive internal and external investigation was launched at Air Force basic military and technical training centers.

Air Education and Training Command will ensure any systematic issues involving maltreatment and sexual misconduct are identified and addressed, Rice said.

Since the command-directed investigation was launched, several

members of the military training instructor corps have come forward with allegations of inappropriate behavior by other instructors at JBSA-Lackland.

"The fact that MTIs stepped forward to identify those suspected of misconduct cannot be overlooked," said Col. Polly Kenny, 2nd Air Force Staff Judge Advocate.

"It demonstrates that these NCOs care about the integrity of the MTI Corps, and are not willing to tolerate behavior that will tarnish a hallowed Air Force institution."

The Air Force is currently adjusting measures

designed to dissuade, deter, detect and prevent this type of behavior in the future and will continue to offer support and services to victims.

The Command-Directed Investigation team has set up a 24-hour hotline for anyone who would like to report any maltreatment and or sexual misconduct which may have occurred while at BMT or in Tech Training. The reports can also be made anonymously.

The CDI Hotline number is 652-4007 or DSN 487-4007.

(Source: Air Education and Training Command Public Affairs)

AIR FORCE AID SOCIETY AWARDS 502ND AIR BASE WING \$2,500



Photo by Steve Elliott

Brig. Gen. Theresa C. Carter, Joint Base San Antonio and 502nd Air Base Wing Commander (right) accepts a \$2,500 check from retired Lt. Gen. John D. Hopper, Jr., Air Force Aid Society chief executive officer, during a ceremony July 16. The check is given to organizations throughout the Air Force who exceed their participation goal during the Air Force Assistance Fund campaign. In this case, the participation rate for Air Force members at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston was 91.2 percent, as opposed to the Air Force average of 22 percent. The \$2,500 will be used for programs funded by Air Force Aid Society grants at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston.



Photo by Bill Bradner

Col. Mark A. Lee (left), commander, U.S. Army Environmental Command, accepts congratulations from Mike Dette, USAEC, during the receiving line at the reception immediately following the July 11 change of command.

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not an ordinary mission and he would have significant challenges.

"He executed a massive organizational move from Maryland to Texas without missing a beat, sustaining military readiness and taking care of Soldiers and families," he added.

"You are a proven leader, right for the job, and we're glad you and your family are here in San Antonio," said Capps to Lee and his family. "You'll do great things with this professional and dedicated USAEC Team already in place. Continue to support garrisons and big Army."

Kimmell, USAEC commander since May 2010, will join the Joint Staff in Washington, D.C., serving as the deputy director, Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Defense, Joint Requirements Office. He was awarded the Legion of

Merit prior to the change of command.

"Mark, I wish you and your family the best," Kimmell said to Lee. "This is a great command, a great mission and a tremendous opportunity to lead an organization that impacts Soldiers and their Families throughout our Army. The command was challenging but always first-class."

The incoming commander then addressed the attendees.

"We're happy to be here. Liz and I look forward to serving with a great team of professionals and further enhancing the reputation of a proud and competent team," Lee said.

"I'm excited to meet and serve with a command that exists to help the Army train Soldiers. And I've seen in just a short time, this organization protects the environment and saves the Army tens of millions of dollars. That is an amazing accomplishment."

Lee is a graduate of the Chemical Basic and Advanced Courses, Airborne School, Jumpmaster School, Technical Es-

cort course, the Command and General Staff College, the School of Advanced Military Studies and the National War College.

In addition to receiving a bachelor's degree in Chemistry from Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Ind., Lee earned three master's courses.

"It's always hard to say goodbye, but especially hard today, because the strength of this command is the people who make it up," said Kimmell, in closing out the ceremony.

"My job was easy. It was to ensure that experts like you had what you needed to do your job and folks all over the world are now saying how much USAAEC is helping them at each level. They trust you now and consider this organization the central technical support for environmental issues."

"You care about Soldiers and their families," he said. "That's what makes you all the best. I am indebted to you for your professionalism and outstanding service to our Army and our country. On behalf of Kelly and our family, thank you for your service and support."

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everything you have done is amazing," Caldwell added. "It gives us an incredible sense of pride to be able to recognize you for all you've done."

Harris was a member of the "Devils in Baggy Pants," otherwise known as the 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, which he joined after enlisting in 1942 and subsequently spent three-and-a-half years with.

A recent member of the 504th PIR came to the presentation to see Harris as well and said he was honored for the opportunity.

Sgt. 1st Class Jonathan Gammon, noncommissioned officer-in-charge of the humanitarian and civil assistance branch, U.S. Army South, and fellow San Antonion, waited patiently for another chance to speak with Harris and shake

his hand.

"It's always an honor to meet the guys who paved the way for us," Gammon said. "I met him before, while I was at Fort Bragg."

Harris can practically write the book on airborne history for World War II. He captured much of his experiences during this time in his memoirs, titled "Casablanca to VE Day: A Paratrooper's Memoirs."

A native of Strawn, near Abilene, Harris joined the Army after Pearl Harbor was attacked and has lived in San Antonio for the past 74 years since returning from the war and has a string of notable achievements attached to his long and active life.

Harris was one of the charter members of the 82nd Airborne Division Association when it started in Europe in 1945. He was also one of the first



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Christopher DeHart

Sgt. 1st Class Jonathan Gammon (left), a native of San Antonio, takes the opportunity to speak with fellow San Antonio resident Darrell G. Harris July 13 at the U.S. Army North Headquarters as Dennis Dezso, a member of the 82nd Airborne Division Association, looks on. Harris, a veteran of World War II, conducted three combat jumps during the war. He was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award for his accomplishments and service. Gammon serves as a noncommissioned officer-in-charge of the humanitarian and civil assistance branch, U.S. Army South.

to receive the Combat Infantryman's Badge for his service during Operation Husky.

Harris conducted a to-

tal of three combat jumps at Sicily, Salerno and Nijmegen. Harris also participated in the beach landing at Anzio.

He was one of the first paratroopers in the U.S. Army when the 82nd Airborne Division was changed from an infantry division to an airborne division under Gen. Matthew Ridgway.

Harris shared some of the lighter moments his outfit experienced during the war.

"When you are in a combat zone, you don't see very many things that are funny or amusing," he said.

He proceeded to explain how his patrol inadvertently came across a small group of German soldiers, who were just down a hill they were on. The Germans had not spotted them yet so they took advantage of the situation and fired first.

However, one of the shots actually set off a signal flare in the back pocket of one of a German troop and what followed could have come

straight from any physical comedy skit as the German was forced to remove his pants to get rid of the flare.

"There he was in the dead of winter, naked from the waist down," Harris said with a chuckle.

It was moments like that which helped him through the war despite the realities that surrounded him daily.

Despite those realities, he and his fellow Soldiers pushed through and were victorious, becoming legends and role-models for the millions of Americans back home.

"I am real proud to be one of the first paratroopers in the U.S. Army to have served our country," Harris said,

"And not just here but in Europe as well. I am proud to have been part of all of it – and I really appreciate the presentation today."

264TH MEDICAL BATTALION SOLDIERS MARCH IN COMMUNITY PARADE



Courtesy photo

One hundred members of Company A, 264th Medical Battalion, 32nd Medical Brigade, traveled to Leakey, Texas, to participate in the annual July Jubilee Parade July 7. The Soldiers joined approximately 150 other groups and organizations for the parade in the town about 100 miles northwest of San Antonio. Close to 10,000 people came to the parade in a town that has a listed population of 425.

802ND MSG WELCOMES NEW COMMANDER

Brig. Gen. Theresa C. Carter, Joint Base San Antonio and 502nd Air Base Wing commander, presents the 802nd Mission Support Group organizational guidon to incoming commander Col. William A. Eger, III July 16 during a change of command ceremony at JBSA-Lackland.

As commander of the 802nd MSG, Eger leads the second largest support group in the Air Force. The organization's more than 4,400 men and women support the training of 74,000 students annually and provide a complete spectrum of community services to a base population of more than 49,000 people and 72 mission partners.



Photo by Alan Boedeker

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have a lot of data, and in order to share that data, we took a business intelligence approach with the current IT resources that we had. That data needed to be shared with IM/IT leadership at all levels,” Birdsell added.

“The ERS consists of more than four terabytes of data and has the abil-

ity to sort through thousands of rows of data in seconds,” Birdsell said.

“This data warehouse can hold an entire fiscal year of metrics to support trending analysis allowing the sites to track their progress towards IM/IT goals and objectives.

“I found that some of the enterprise goals and

strategies could be perceived as subjective in nature,” Birdsell said.

“Why not use the data we already have to answer questions – like do we need to improve within a certain area, or are we doing poorly in a certain area; or can we just sustain what we have.”

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or national origin should attempt resolution at the most appropriate level within the chain of command.

If a superior, military or civilian is alleged to have engaged in the offending conduct, the report should be made promptly to the next level or the local EO office.

Reports of unlawful discrimination or

unlawful harassment may also be made to the Air Force discrimination hotline at 1-888-231-4058 or the National Guard Bureau’s EO hotline at 703-607-5462, or 1-800-371-0617.

The Air Force will protect the confidentiality of Airmen reporting unlawful discrimination and unlawful harassment to the greatest extent permitted by law.

Failure to report, or any undue delay in

reporting, may hinder the Air Force’s ability to prevent or correct unlawful behavior.

The Air Force’s greatest asset is its people. I expect all Airmen to promote the principles of equal opportunity at home and abroad. Living up to these principles is integral to our core values.

I am personally committed to this endeavor and expect the same of each of you.

5th Medical Recruiting Battalion welcomes new leadership

By L.A. Shively
JBSA-FSH News Leader

"Titan Six signing off," said Lt. Col. Carlene Blanding during her farewell remarks after relinquishing command of the 5th Medical Recruiting Battalion to incoming commander Lt. Col. Clinton Schreckhise.

The July 11 ceremony at the Army Medical Museum recognized Blanding's accomplishments during her two-year tenure, among several light-hearted moments.

As an Army tradition during a change of command ceremony, Blanding's husband, Jervis, received a bouquet of red roses, but with a twist. Each bloom was actually a white golf ball surrounded with red petals. An audience of about 250 Soldiers and

civilians laughed and clapped enthusiastically while Blanding's spouse received his gift.

During her command of the "Mighty 5th Titans" Blanding launched her signature Didactic Lecture Series with a two-fold approach: educating future doctors while also giving voice to Army medicine's capabilities.

"The Army is on the cutting edge of medicine. A lot of civilian organizations don't see the type of trauma the Army physician sees," the Jamaica, British West Indies native said.

The lectures, designed around the interests of residents at area hospitals, also covered topics from an Army perspective.

"The residents become very interested and ask those key questions and

so we get to tell our Army story," Blanding said.

Professional development and open lines of communication between her and Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Horner contributed to a positive command climate she said.

"We traveled a lot. We covered 720,000 square miles – sitting down with Soldiers, talking about issues they were going through that we needed to know about. The success of this command," Blanding said, "was sitting down one-on-one and being able to eyeball our Soldiers and our civilians directly."

"Titan Six signing on," Schreckhise said during his introductory comments.

The new battalion commander kept his

remarks short and to the point. He said his vision for the future of the command is to build on established successes.

"We want to make the command as strong as possible, bringing in the best providers and health care team members. Whatever we think is going to work, whether it's a didactic lecture series, making sure families support their Soldiers on the road – we will do as much as we can to make sure that continues," he said.

Schreckhise emphasized using a creative approach to communicating the opportunities, research and benefits Army medicine offers, such as careers in the Pharmacy and Veterinary fields.

"We'll find something that has not been done before."



Photo by L.A. Shively

Lt. Col. Clinton Schreckhise (left) accepts the 5th Medical Recruiting Battalion guidon from Col. Raymond S. Dingle, Medical Recruiting Brigade commander, during the battalion change of command ceremony July 11.

Transportation Security Administration expands PreCheck program

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

The Transportation Security Administration is expanding a program that's designed to provide faster processing for traveling service members passing through the nation's airports while allowing TSA inspectors to concentrate on threats to

travelers' safety, a DOD official said in testimony in Washington, D.C., July 11.

Todd Rosenblum, the principle deputy secretary of defense for homeland defense, praised the TSA effort that will expedite processing for military travelers. He spoke before the House Committee on Homeland Security's

transportation security subcommittee.

In prepared testimony, Rosenblum talked about the TSA effort to expand the PreCheck system.

The TSA began testing the system in November 2011 at the Monterey Peninsula Airport in California, he said. The system has since been expanded, he said, to

Reagan-National Airport in Washington, D.C., and Seattle-Tacoma International Airport in Washington state.

The PreCheck system is an outgrowth of legislation passed last year – the Risk-Based Security Screening for Members of the Armed Forces Act.

Under the program, service members – in

uniform or wearing civilian clothes – can present their common access cards and qualify for expedited screening lanes.

This builds on past TSA/DOD partnerships, Rosenblum said.

“U.S. military personnel in uniform with military identification cards are not required to remove their boots or

shoes unless they set off an alarm,” he said in his written testimony.

TSA also works with DOD to expedite screening for wounded warriors and their families and for Honor Flight veterans – a grass-roots effort to bring veterans to Washington to visit their war memorials.

TSA inspectors use the

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Air Force consolidates personnel, services, manpower agencies

Three San Antonio-based field operating agencies officially consolidated with an initial operational capability announcement, Air Force officials said June 4.

The Air Force Personnel Center, Air Force Services Agency and Air Force Manpower Agency, FOAs under the Air Force Deputy Chief of Staff for

Manpower, Personnel and Services, are now the new Air Force Personnel Center, and efforts are underway fully integrate the agencies' functions.

Air Force Secretary Michael Donley and Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz signed the FOA consolidation program guidance letter May 23, authorizing consolidation.

“Consolidating allows us to streamline processes, identify efficiencies and reduce overhead in the A1 enterprise,” said Lt. Gen. Darrell Jones, the Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower, Personnel and Services.

“This just makes good business sense for the Air Force in today's budget constrained environment.”

The program guidance letter also confirmed that the name of the consolidated FOA will be the Air Force Personnel Center.

However, the integrated agency will be a re-engineered organization with processes designed to better serve Airmen.

“The new Air Force Personnel Center will be structurally different from

the previous independent agencies, which will allow us to better focus our resources, effort and time on Airmen and families, force support squadrons and other enterprise customers,” said Maj. Gen. A. J. Stewart, AFPC commander.

Process and management structure reviews are ongoing as cross-

functional teams work to design the new agency, Stewart said, citing such immediate efficiency actions as consolidating readiness, financial management and training functions.

“The Air Force is counting on us to get this consolidation right,” Stewart said.

(Source: Air Force News Service)

Army North celebrates historic battalion change of command

By Staff Sgt. Corey Baltos
ARNORTH Public Affairs

U.S. Army North celebrated a historical milestone July 12 as the Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion conducted its inaugural change of command and change of responsibility at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston's Rehearsal of Concept Drill Facility.

Lt. Col. Shannon Miller relinquished command of the battalion to Lt. Col. Zoltan Krompecher, and Command Sgt. Maj. Eddie Fields III relinquished responsibility to Command Sgt. Maj. Alvin Chaplin Sr.

"This is the first time in my

career that we have recognized both a commander and a command sergeant major at the same time for their service," said Lt. Gen. William Caldwell IV, commanding general of U.S. Army North and senior commander for JBSA-Fort Sam Houston and JBSA-Camp Bullis.

Miller's next assignment will be as a regimental tactical officer at West Point. Fields is retiring after 31 years of service with the U.S. Army.

"It has been an absolute honor and an extraordinary privilege to serve as your battalion commander over the past two years," Miller said.

"There is no other organization quite like ours, with

such a critical mission to serve and protect the homeland. I am very proud to have been a part of this great battalion."

Fields said that he, like his battle buddy Miller, was honored to serve with the men and women of the Guardian battalion.

"I am a Soldier and have been a Soldier for 31 years," Fields said. "I have spent the past two years coaching and training Soldiers to serve our country and protect our homeland and the nation. While I cannot take you all with me, I can keep the memories with me always."

When Miller and Fields assumed command and re-



Photo by Staff Sgt. Corey Baltos

Lt. Gen. William Caldwell IV (left) passes the battalion colors to incoming commander Lt. Col. Zoltan Krompecher during the battalion's inaugural Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, U.S. Army North, change of command and change of responsibility ceremony at Fort Sam Houston's Rehearsal of Concept Drill Facility July 12. Caldwell, commanding general of U.S. Army North and senior commander of JBSA-Fort Sam Houston and JBSA-Camp Bullis, served as the reviewing officer for the ceremony.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Christopher DeHart

Lt. Col. Zoltan Krompecher (left) passes custody of the battalion colors to Command Sgt. Maj. Alvin Chaplin Sr., during the battalion's inaugural change of command and change of responsibility ceremony at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston's Rehearsal of Concept Drill Facility July 12. Chaplin assumed responsibility for the battalion from Command Sgt. Maj. Eddie Fields III.

sponsibility for the battalion when it was activated Aug. 10, 2010, the battalion itself consisted of a building with three rooms. Two years later, the battalion grew to three companies and also welcomed the 323rd Army Band "Fort Sam's Own" to the team.

"Our Army somehow never fails to find the right person for the right job," Caldwell said. "In the early days of Army North, we picked a winner. Lt. Col. Shannon Miller and Command Sgt. Maj. Eddie Fields built a new organization from scratch.

"What an organization it's become," Caldwell said. "Where once we had a single company, commanded by a major, we now have a full battalion.

"To add complexity to their mission, we spread portions of their unit all over the United States," Caldwell continued.

"In addition to the Soldiers and civilians at (Joint Base San Antonio-)Fort Sam Hous-

ton, they have defense coordinating elements scattered over all 10 Federal Emergency Management Agency regions in the continental United States and Puerto Rico."

Krompecher enlisted in the Army in 1985 as cannon crewman and volunteered for Special Forces. After earning a bachelor's degree in secondary education at Ohio University, he was commissioned into the military intelligence branch.

His most recent assignment was as a professor of military science at Western Michigan University.

Chaplin enlisted in the Army 1986 as a chaplain's assistant. His most recent assignment was as the senior chaplain assistant with U.S. Army Forces Command.

"It has been my privilege to serve as your command sergeant major," said Fields to the assembled Soldiers and civilians.

32nd Medical Brigade selects Platoon Sergeant of the Year

By Esther Garcia
AMEDDC&S Public Affairs

After a three-day competition that included a road march, day urban orienteering, weapons instruction, a physical fitness test, warrior tasks and battle drills, uniform inspections, counseling techniques, combative instructions, a one-page essay and an oral board, Sgt. 1st Class Delroy Barnett came out on top as the AMEDDC&S 2012 Platoon

Sergeant of the Year.

Barnett, with Company B, 187th Medical Battalion, 32nd Medical Brigade, received the honor during a breakfast at the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Golf Course Clubhouse July 12.

Barnett competed with two other platoon sergeants, Staff Sgts. Newroy Henry with Company A, 232nd Medical Battalion and Jeremy Krebs, Company B, 264th Medical Battalion.



Staff Sgt. Jeremy Krebs (left) discusses which route to take to avoid enemy fire with a fellow Soldier during the Warrior Tasks and Battle Drills competition at Salado Park June 25.



Sgt. 1st Class Delroy Barnett calls in a medical evacuation request during the Warrior Tasks and Battle Drills category, part of the Platoon Sergeant of the Year competition held at Salado Park June 24.

"I saw the three competitors and I was very impressed by the quality of the non-commissioned officers competing," said 32nd Medical Brigade Command Sgt. Maj. Jayme Johnson.

The competition was held from June 23 to 25 at various locations around Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

"It was pretty realistic top training," Barnett said. "Most of it was based on my skill as a platoon sergeant to teach the young Soldiers the skills they need to do on a daily basis."

"The competition was pretty tough," Barnett added. "I had to hang in there quite a few times, especially during the road march. I was a little bit hurt, but I kept on going."

Barnett is originally from Jamaica, but calls Hollywood, Fla., home. He joined the Army in 2003 attending basic training at Fort Benning, Ga. and his Advanced Individual Training as a medic on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston.

Barnett has been a platoon sergeant for nine months and has already deployed twice to Iraq.

Barnett will represent JBSA-Fort Sam Houston at the Training and Doctrine Command Platoon Sergeant of the Year competition at Fort Eustace, Va., in September.



Photos by Esther Garcia

Lt. Col. Jon Van Steenvort (left), executive officer of the 32nd Medical Brigade, presents the Platoon Sergeant of the Year trophy to Sgt. 1st Class Delroy Barnett, winner of the brigade's 2012 Platoon Sergeant of the Year competition during a recognition ceremony at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Course Clubhouse July 12.

A platoon sergeant's day can begin as early as 4:30 a.m. and usually ends by 6 to 8 p.m., Monday through Sunday, as they mentor their Soldiers to excel in their medical training and understand basic Soldierization topics such as Army core values and standards of

conduct.

Barnett received the Army Commendation Medal, the Platoon Sergeant of the Year Trophy and his name will be added, along with previous winner names to the 32nd Medical Brigade Platoon Sergeant of the Year plaque.



Staff Sgt. Newroy Henry climbs over a fence during the Warrior Tasks and Battle Drills competition held at Salado Park June 25. Competitors maneuvered a group of Soldiers through the woods as they tried to avoid enemy fire.

Healthy foods cost less than less healthy foods

By Col. Heidi Warrington
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Health Command

Obesity is linked to many serious health conditions, such as diabetes and cancer. Like other Americans, military warriors, past and present, and their families feel the effects of obesity through negative health impacts and out-of-pocket costs.

The inability to meet service weight and physical fitness standards is a common reason for early discharge.

According to an Army study released in 2010 titled "Too Fat to Fight," 27 percent of all Americans 17 to 24 years of age are too heavy to join the military.

Another major concern is the negative effect of obesity on force

readiness.

We have an opportunity to improve the health and well-being of warriors, past and present, military families and military communities as a whole.

To achieve this outcome, health promotion and wellness initiatives should be focused on influencing behavior throughout the "life space" – the 525,500 minutes in a year that Soldiers and retirees, their family members and Army civilians are not seeing a healthcare provider.

One critical component of this complex issue is ensuring the affordability of and access to healthier food options.

This initiative is aligned with the National Prevention Strategy's



Photo from ChooseMyPlate.gov

Healthy Eating strategic priority.

The question of whether healthy foods are really more expensive is explored in the May 2012 U.S. Department of Agriculture Economic Research Service report titled, "Are Healthy Foods Really More Expensive? It Depends On How You

Measure the Price."

In the report, authors Andrea Carlson and Elizabeth Frazão compare prices of healthy and less-healthy foods using three different measures: the price per calorie, the price per unit of edible weight, and the price of an average portion.

They also calculate

the daily cost of meeting the food group recommendations on the ChooseMyPlate.gov Web site.

For all metrics except the price of food per calorie, the authors find that healthy foods cost less than less healthy foods (defined for this study as foods that are high in saturated fat, added sugar, and/or sodium, or that contribute little to meeting dietary recommendations).

The fight against obesity can only be won by promoting environmental changes, wellness activities, policies that support healthy behaviors and staying engaged in current best practices that can help prevent and reduce obesity.

For more information, visit the U.S. Department of Agriculture website at <http://www.ers.usda.gov/publications/eib96/>.

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common access card to instantly identify members of the armed forces and ensure they are in good standing with the Defense Department and the FBI's National Criminal Information Center.

Once the check is completed, the system erases personal information.

Rosenblum emphasized that service members do not need to be wearing uniforms to take advantage of PreCheck.

"DOD is fully committed to continuing its long-standing partnership with the Department of Homeland Security and the Transportation Safety Administration to strengthen aviation security while significantly enhancing the travel experience whenever possible for our service members," he said.

Your pet at 10,000 feet: traveling and PCSing with pets

By Maj. Todd M. Thomas
Public Health Command Region-
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Consultant

There are many regulations about flying with and transporting our pets. Knowing and abiding by these rules is the pet owners' responsibility, and veterinary personnel can guide you through the process.

A licensed veterinarian must issue a health certificate to all animals traveling by air within 10 days of transport. Health certificates can be obtained by appointment at U.S. Army Veterinary Treatment Facilities worldwide.

This website includes links to all VTFs: <http://vetcom.amedd.army.mil/map.html>

For people going to Japan, Hawaii or Guam,

these locations require long quarantine periods (three to six months) before your animal will be admitted beyond the arrival point. The process to qualify for shorter quarantine periods requires multiple visits with your pet to your local VTF.

Failure to follow the proper timeline can result in extended quarantine times for your pets and large out of pocket expenses upon arrival.

For all destinations outside the continental United States, an ISO (International Organization for Standardization)-compatible microchip must be implanted before the rabies vaccine is given for the rabies to be considered valid.

The ISO-compatible microchips have a 15-digit ID. If your pet's chip

ID is shorter, it may need to be re-chipped and re-vaccinated. For most destinations, the most current rabies vaccine

must be in the animal 30 days prior to arrival.

Additionally, many countries require health certificates and rabies

certificates from civilian veterinarians to have original signatures and to be countersigned or stamped by a U.S.D.A. veterinarian.

For most, but not all, countries, original signatures by U.S. Army Veterinary Corps Officers are exempt from this requirement, so it may be advantageous to complete all of the steps in the process through the local VTF.

Regulations also prevent our pets from riding in temperatures under 45 degrees or over 85 degrees for more than 45 minutes.

This can be a major concern depending on what cities your flight goes through during your travels. It may be necessary to ship the pet before or after the PCS in order to safely

transport.

For other foreign countries, see the listed websites and contact your local VTF.

Questions about sedatives, food and water the day of travel and traveling with very old, young or debilitated animals are best addressed with a veterinarian before the date for the final health certificate exam.

Appointments at the VTFs fill up fast, so plan to call to schedule at least two to three weeks before the travel date.

Call several months before moving outside the continental United States to ensure you pet meets the import requirements.

Contact the VTF as soon as you have your Request For Orders or orders. The Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston VTF appointment numbers are 808-6104 or 808-6101.



U.S. Air Force photo

Personnel at the Air Mobility Command terminal in Aviano, Italy, handle pets carefully during PCS moves.

Army South's headquarters battalion changes commanders

By Sgt. Tamika Exom
ARSOUTH Public Affairs

Soldiers of U.S. Army South Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion came out to MacArthur Parade Field to pay tribute to Lt. Col. Charles A. Walters Jr., who, after two eventful years of service to Army South, relinquished command to Lt. Col. Jeffrey C. Knight during a change of command ceremony July 13.

"To command at Army South has been an absolute honor and pleasure," Walters said. "It's a great city and it's a great organization. The mission is so diverse with the area of responsibility that Army South supports."

During the ceremony, both the incoming and outgoing commanders

had the opportunity to conduct an inspection of troops as music played from the band. The inspection gives the commander the opportunity to inspect the fitness and readiness of his Soldiers and in turn allows the Soldiers to display their excellence for their leader.

As Knight inspected his new battalion, the narrator gave a rundown of the unit's rich history, from the construction of the unit in 1943 in the United States Army as the Headquarters company, Sixth Army, to the present-day reactivated Headquarters Support Company, with the addition of two provisional companies which provide administrative and supply support for all assigned and attached

Soldiers of Army South.

"Walters did a phenomenal job. He's got things running really well," Knight said. "I think my best option is improve and tweak what he has done and not try and reinvent the wheel."

"I hope that in the end, the number one legacy that I leave is taking care of Soldiers, developing subordinates, helping my first sergeants and commanders, senior noncommissioned officers and junior leaders develop an environment in which they didn't feel like they couldn't make a mistake," Walters said.

"I hope that I have enabled them to take the initiative to feel like they have the authority and responsibility that they needed to accomplish their mission."



Photo by Master Sgt. Kevin L. Doheny

Col. Steven Woods, U.S. Army South deputy commander for support, passes the Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion colors to the incoming commander, Lt. Col. Jeffrey C. Knight, during a change of command ceremony at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston July 13.

Commander, Navy Medicine Education and Training Command, Capt. Gail L. Hathaway (right) and Navy Medicine Support Command Commander Rear Adm. Eleanor V. Valentin stand at attention during the NMSC change of command and reorganization ceremony July 11 at the ceremonial hangar at Naval Air Station Jacksonville. Valentin turned over command to Hathaway during the ceremony.



Photo by Larry Coffey

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NMETC is part of the Navy Medicine enterprise, a global health care network of 63,000 Navy medical personnel around the world who provide high-quality health care to more than

one million eligible beneficiaries.

Navy Medicine personnel deploy with Sailors and Marines worldwide, providing critical mission support aboard ship, in the air, under the sea and on the battlefield.

READING IS SO DELICIOUS



Photo by Deyanira Romo Rossell

Five-year-old Isabel Baldwin makes her own "pizza" with a mound of play dough at the "Reading is So Delicious" Summer Reading event July 12 at the Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library. She was among about 70 children who enjoyed the deliciousness, including a slice to eat and a pizza relay.



FOR SALE: Various household items; furniture, appliances and patio.

All items in climate-controlled unit, excellent condition. Call (951) 489-9809.

FOR SALE: Crystal glass punch bowl set, five quart with 12 glasses and ladle, \$60; two large European pillows, Light blue with white piping, 30 by 30 inches, \$25; Hummingbird crystal champagne glass set of four, \$30; full-size comforter,

shams, and dust ruffle, blue floral/light floral reversible pattern, \$25. Call 495-2296.

FOR SALE: New Skillsaw, 15 inch, never opened, \$99; wood 3-by-5-foot bookshelf, \$35; shredder, excellent condition, \$25; coffee table with matching inner table, \$60; love seat, \$65. Call 241-1291.

FOR SALE: New Rascal electric wheelchair, detachable legs, instruction manual included. \$700 cash or cashier's check. Call 201-661-3765.

FOR SALE: 1996 Nissan Maxima, four doors, white, five speed, cold AC, loaded, great gas mileage, needs two repairs. \$2,400. Call 659-6741.

Weekly Weather Watch

	Jul 19	Jul 20	Jul 21	Jul 22	Jul 23	Jul 24
San Antonio Texas	97° Isolated T-Storms	97° Mostly Sunny	98° Sunny	98° Sunny	98° Partly Cloudy	96° Partly Cloudy
Kabul Afghanistan	92° SunnyWindy	92° SunnyWindy	91° Sunny	92° Sunny	93° Sunny	92° Sunny

(Source: The Weather Channel at www.weather.com)

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Fitness Assessments Begin

Personnel from the 502nd Force Support Squadron will be administering fitness assessments at the Fitness Center at the Medical Education and Training Center Mondays and Wednesdays at 7 a.m., 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. for Air Force members

on Fort Sam Houston.

All-Day Appointments for CAC/ID Cards

The 502 Air Base Wing replaced the walk-in customer services at its main ID Card/CAC issuance facilities with an all-day appointment-only process for all military members, retirees, dependents, civil service employ-

ees and contractor customers. Appointment times are 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, scheduled in 20-minute intervals. Changes to existing ID Card/CAC and DEERS services only affect the main DEERS ID Card/CAC issuance facilities at these locations: 502nd Force Support Squadron, Building 367, Fort Sam Houston, 221-0415;

802nd Force Support Squadron, Building 5616, Lackland AFB, 671-4178; and 902nd Force Support Squadron, Building 399, Randolph AFB, 652-1845. Customers can schedule appointments at any of these facilities by visiting <https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil/> or call the numbers listed to set up an appointment.

Edwards Aquifer Level

in feet above sea level as of July 18

CURRENT LEVEL * = 647.6'

*determines JBSA water conservation stage

Normal - above 660'

Stage I - 660'

Stage II - 650'

Stage III - 642'

Stage IV - 640.5'

Stage V - 637'

For water restrictions, visit <http://www.502abw.af.mil>.





Safety Seat Clinic

July 19, 1-3 p.m., Fire Station Building 3830, call 221-0349.

Cloverleaf Communicators Club Installation of Officers

The Cloverleaf Communicators Club invites you to come celebrate its Installation of Officers on July 19, 2012 from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston San Antonio Credit Union. The club is open to all military, family members and civilians who are interested

in developing and enhancing their leadership and communications skills. Meetings are held the first and third Thursday of every month 11:45 am - 1 pm at the San Antonio Credit Union's conference room. Call 916-3406 or 221-8785 or visit <http://powertalkinternational.com>.

Saving & Investing

July 23, 2-4 p.m., Roadrunner

Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-2380.

HUGS Playgroup

July 24, 9-11 a.m., Middle School Teen Center, Building 2515, call 221-0349 or 221-2418.

Credit Reports

July 24, 2-4 p.m. Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-2380.

FRG Leadership Academy

July 25 and 26, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-1829 or 221-0946.

Women Encouraging Women

July 25, 11 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-0349.

Self Paced Initial First Termer Financial Readiness

July 25, noon-4 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-1612.

Excel Level 2

July 31, 8 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797, call 221-2518 or 221-2705.

Flea Market

Aug. 4, 7 a.m.-1 p.m., MacArthur Parade Field, call 221-5224.

Swim Lessons

Registration is underway for summer swim lessons which run through Aug. 3. The cost is \$40/child per session. Lessons are scheduled from 9-9:45 a.m. or 10-10:45 a.m. or 11-11:45 a.m. depending on age. Registration is available Monday-Friday, noon-7 p.m. at the Aquatic Center. Sessions are Monday-Friday for two weeks and include eight days of instruction, a certificate of participation, a swim lesson T-shirt and class picture.

Fitness and Sports Athlete of the Year

Service members participating in intramural sports programs, monthly sporting events, varsity or extramural sports are eligible for nomination as the Athlete of the Year. Activities performed

throughout the calendar year will be evaluated. An Athlete of the Year will be selected for each branch of service. Nomination packages are available at any of the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston fitness centers or online at <http://fortsammmwr.com>. The deadline for submission is Nov. 30. Call 808-5710.

Catfish by the Pound

The catfish pond on Joint Base San Antonio-Camp Bullis is open Saturdays and Sundays, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., the cost is \$3/pound, call 295-7529.

Sportsman Range

The sportsman range is open Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Joint Base San Antonio-Camp Bullis. Participants are required to provide their own equipment for the range. Cost is \$5/DOD ID card holder. Call 295-7529.

Air Force Education & Training Center

7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, 2427 Hood St., call 221-2135.

Basic Skills Education Program

Classes are Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. for a period of 14 working days. Service members will receive instruction in reading comprehension, vocabulary, and math skills. The class is designed to teach basic college preparatory skills to service members with a GT score less than 110. Call 221-1738 to enroll.

Sports Scores

For Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston and 32nd Medical Brigade intramural sports results, visit <http://bit.ly/MWRsports>.

Stilwell House

The Stilwell House on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, a historic landmark since 1888, is open for tours, receptions and parties. The Stilwell House is managed by the Society for the Preservation of Historic Fort Sam Houston, Inc. a 501(C)(3) Corporation not affiliated with the Department of Defense. Call 224-4030 or 655-0577.

ROTC Green to Gold

The 5th Brigade Army ROTC will conduct a Green to Gold Program brief on the second Monday of each month excluding training and federal holidays. Briefings will be at 2 p.m. at the Post Education Center, Building 2248, Room 207C. For more information, call 295-2006.

Cloverleaf Communicators Club

Meetings are held the first and third Thursday of every month 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. at San Antonio Credit Union, Stanley Road, in the conference room. Call 916-3406 or 221-8785 or visit <http://power-talkinternational.com/>.

Future Speakers on the Horizon

Enjoy food and develop public speaking and leadership skills the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, noon-1 p.m. at the Joint Program Management Office, Building 4196. Call 295-4921.

Sergeant Audie Murphy Club

The SMA Leon L. Van Autreve Chapter of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club meets the last Thursday of each month, noon-1 p.m. at the Army Medical Department Museum. All Sergeant Audie Murphy or Sergeant Morales members are invited and encouraged to attend. Call 221-4424 or 837-9956.

Middle School Teen Center Offers Summer Tours

The Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Middle School Summer Teen Tours for students in grades 8 -12 run weekly through Aug. 28 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For longer trips, departure and return times may vary. The cost of the trips is \$55 per week, which includes afternoon snacks, lunch and entry fees to any activities. All trips depart from the Middle School & Teen Center, Building 2515, Funston Road. For more information, call 221-3386.

Lost Property

If you have lost any property on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, call 221-2340. To claim items, you must have a form of photo identification and be able to identify the property.



Retirement Planning Seminars

The Alamo Federal Executive Board is offering Civil Service Retirement System and Federal Employees Retirement System planning seminars at the Education Services Center 20 (near Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston), 1314 Hines Avenue July 23. Sign up at <http://sanantoniofeb.org/>. Cost is \$10 and seating is limited. Call 565-1860.

'The President's Own' U.S. Marine Band performs

"The President's Own" U.S. Marine Band from Washington, D.C. gives a free concert at 7:30 p.m.

July 20 in the Lila Cockrell Theatre, 200 E. Market St., in the Convention Center Complex. The concert is open to the public.

Retired Enlisted Association

Chapter 80 of the Retired Enlisted Association meets at 1 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Gateway Club. Call 658-2344 for more information.

Van Autreve Sergeants Major Association

The SMA Leon L. Van Autreve Sergeants Major Association meets the third Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. at the Longhorn Café, 1003 Rittiman Rd. All active duty, Reserve, National Guard and retired sergeants major are invited and encouraged to attend. Call 221-0584 or 889-8212.

Blue Star Museums Free for Military

Blue Star Museums, a collaboration among the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense, and more than 1,600 museums across America to offer free admission to all active duty military personnel, including active Reserve and National Guard, and their families from Memorial Day through Labor Day 2012. San Antonio attractions honoring this include The Alamo, Casa Navarro State Historic Site, Institute of Texan Cultures, McNay Art Museum, San Antonio Museum of Art, Southwest School of Art and Villa Finale. Visit <http://arts.gov> for more details.

Morgan's Wonderland Hours Changing

Morgan's Wonderland will open earlier on most days during the 2012

summer season. The theme park will open at 9 a.m. Saturdays through Aug. 25; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays, through Aug. 17; and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sundays, through Aug. 26. The park is closed Mondays during July and August. Visit <http://www.MorgansWonderland.com>.

Quarry Farmers and Ranchers Market

Every Sunday, rain or shine, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Quarry Market adjacent to Whole Foods Market, 255 E. Basse Rd. Some vendors offer military discounts, live entertainment and kid's activities. Visit <http://quarryfarmersmarket.com> or call 722-5077.

Foster a Puppy

The Department of Defense dog breeding program needs families to foster puppies for three months.

Potential foster families need time and patience to raise a puppy age 12 weeks to six months, a stimulating and safe home environment and a desire to help raise a military working dog. Call 671-3686 for more information.

Wounded Warrior Golf Scramble

Golfers are invited to play in the Wounded Warrior Golf Scramble Aug. 3 with a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start at the Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston Golf Club, 1050 Harry Wurzbach Road. The cost is \$25 for members and \$35 for nonmembers.

The scramble includes 18 holes, dinner, gift certificates for the winners of the longest drive and the closest to the hole and for first, second and third place. Call 222-9386.

Complimentary SeaWorld Admission for Military

Throughout 2012, members of the military and as many as three direct dependents may enter SeaWorld, Busch Gardens or Sesame Place parks with a single-day complimentary admission through the Here's to Heroes program. Visit <http://www.herosalute.com/cavab/index.html>.

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CHAPEL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

PROTESTANT SERVICES

Main Post (Gift) Chapel

Building 2200, 1605 Wilson Way
8 and 11 a.m. - Traditional

11:05 a.m., Monday through Friday

Main Post (Gift) Chapel

Building 2200, 1605 Wilson Way
11:30 a.m., Monday through Friday

Dodd Field Chapel

Building 1721, 3600 Dodd Blvd.
8:30 a.m. - Samoan
10:30 a.m. - Gospel

Saturday

Main Post (Gift) Chapel

4:45 p.m. - Reconciliation
5:30 p.m. - Evening Mass

Army Medical Department Regimental Chapel

Building 1398, 3545 Garden Ave.
9:20 a.m. - 32nd Medical Brigade
Collective Service

Sunday

8 a.m. - Morning Mass, AMEDD
8:30 a.m. - Morning Mass, BAMC
9:30 a.m. - Morning Mass, MPC
11:30 a.m. - Morning Mass, BAMC
12:30 p.m. - Morning Mass, DFC

Brooke Army Medical Center Chapel

Building 3600,
3851 Roger Brooke Rd.
10 a.m. - Traditional

JEWISH SERVICES

8 p.m. - Jewish Worship,
Friday, MPC
8:30 p.m. - Oneg Shabbat,
Friday, MPC

Evans Auditorium

Building 1396, 1396 Garden Ave.
11:01 - Contemporary
"Crossroads"

ISLAMIC SERVICE

1:30 p.m. - Jummah,
Friday, AMEDD

CATHOLIC SERVICES

Daily Mass

Brooke Army Medical Center Chapel
Building 3600,
3851 Roger Brooke Rd.

LATTER DAY SAINTS SERVICES

1 p.m. - LDS Worship, Sunday,
AMEDD

For worship opportunities of faith groups not listed here, please visit the Fort Sam Houston Chaplain's website at <http://www.samhouston.army.mil/chaplain>.